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PARK IS IN DRIVE

Brooklyn's waterfront oasis takes shape

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn Bridge Park is finally being built.

The decades-old dream of a waterfront green space stretching from DUMBO to the foot of Atlantic Avenue — a vision, a dream deferred, thanks to a state requirement that the park be self-sustaining — is finally taking shape.

A 1-acre landscaped Park at the end of Old Fulton Street and a paved park on Pier 6 at the southern end will open just before the end of the year, said Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation President Regina Myer, who gave The Brooklyn Paper a tour of the construction site.

Myer said that the work on Pier 1 and the park on Old Fulton will cost around \$100 million and require about \$4 million per year for maintenance. For now, \$3 million per year is being contributed from the residents of the One Brooklyn Park condo, who make "payments in lieu of taxes" for park upkeep.

Myer said that the condo building has been sold out since its completion early in 2008, so there is enough money in the bank to maintain the soon-to-open greenspace until additional residential, commercial and hotel properties join the funding stream, although it remains in doubt whether such sources of cash will materialize.

And vast portions of the park remain to be built.

"We're building what we can build and we believe that once it's done, it will provide the impetus for the next step," Myer said.

In addition to the work on Pier 1, Pier 6 is being readied as a "destina-



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THE STOOP: Granite recovered from construction sites form a set of stairs right up against the East River, providing a stoop-like gathering point. Hopefully, stoop-drinking tickets won't be issued.

Photo by Brooklyn Paper / Jason Katz

And the current parking zone at the foot of Old Fulton Street will be transformed into a planted gateway to the park itself, a change that is not reflected on the current renderings.

"We have to do this so that people feel that they are entering a grand park," Myer said.

"Right now, it's a parking area, not a gateway."

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Man mugged on way to work

78TH PRECINCT

Perp Slope

Three men followed their victim from his Sixth Avenue home on Aug. 14 and eventually pulled a gun and mugged him for car, cards and fancy electronics.

The victim told cops that he had been walking home at 10th Street at around 4:50 am to head to work when the three men showed up out of nowhere and one pulled out a gun.

"Give me your wallet," the gunman suggested.

When the victim complied, the other two men took his bag, smartphone, an iPod, a BlackBerry, credit and debit cards, clothes and a spiral notebook valued at \$2.

The victim still had to go to work.

A big bote

A thief broke into a 12th Street apartment on Aug. 7 and stole a computer and a game gaming system.

The resident, a unit, which is between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West, told cops that while in the apartment from 1:30 am to 10:30 pm, giving the thief ample time to break in through a rear window and take a Xbox laptop and the Xbox controller.

Meat is mug

A Boar's Head driver was robbed of \$12,002 in a brazen attack by a gunman and two accomplices on Bergen Street on Aug. 14.

The man was making a delivery on the great block

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Wheel bad

And, of course, it would not be Park Slope without a spate of car thefts and break-ins.

A man who parked his car on Ninth Street near Fifth Avenue at around 3:50 am on Aug. 15 informed just minutes later that his car had been stolen. He later told cops that he had left the keys in the ignition of the Nissan Altima as he got coffee at a nearby shop.

The thief had run off in his car when he left it running at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Prospect Street on Aug. 15 at around 4:30 am, giving the man the "switch the bag" scam.

According to cops, the thief approached the victim near Chase Bank on Fifth Avenue near Smith Street and said that he had just found a handbag containing \$7,000.

The victim, realizing what he'd been up to, then exchanged bags as a show of trust, but the thief ran off with the victim's cash.

The man was making a delivery on the great block

finally got the bill for the missing wheel — and it exceeded \$2,000.

Five days later on a Sunday morning, a thief smashed through the front window of a 2003 Volkswagen driven by a video iPod.

The crook grabbed the video iPod.



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Finally, a supermarket in Hill

By Robin Riskin
For The Brooklyn Paper

A new grocery store is usually not big news, but in Clinton Hill, where residents have long complained of limited access to fresh produce, the opening of Fresh Fanatic is cause for celebration.

The brainchild of brothers David and Andrew Goldin and their friend Joshua Niameth, the store at the corner of Park and Myrtle avenues offers healthy selections, organic produce, flat-screen TVs, samples galore, and top-notch customer service.

"In a 10- to 15-block radius, there's nothing else here," David Goldin said.

Of course, that's not completely true, with an Associated Supermarket just three blocks away at Myrtle

and the \$4 at Bravo. A carton of organic raspberries is \$3.32.

At Associated, the generic hummus is just \$3.21 per pound, while Associated's generic version is \$3.38 per pound.

Fresh Fanatic is the latest combatant in what has been a long "supermarket war" in Clinton Hill. Last year, the dire need for more fresh food led the city to team up with a plan to tear down a row of historic buildings at the Brooklyn Navy Yard to make way for a large, Fairway-style grocery there.

Until that one opens about 10 months away, an uneasy peace seems to be settling in.

"I'll keep coming to Fresh Fanatic for the fish, but I'll do most of my shopping at Associated," said customer June Magee.



Andrew Goldin's new market offers 50-cent portions of prepared foods.

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A wine-loose situation

Restaurant's rack raided

By Robin Riskin
The Brooklyn Paper

Someone trashed Amin Indian restaurant in Fort Greene — and then got trashed — on Aug. 14. Some time after the DeKalb Avenue eatery closed for the night, a no-nonsense smash the front door of the restaurant, entered, wrecked the place, and made off with cases of wine and \$25.

The crook was caught on video surveillance from Elly's Market, which sits across the street, so cops have a lot to go on.

It's not the first time that the humble Indian restaurant at Clermont Avenue has been burglarized. Last year, during a spate of overnight break-ins along DeKalb Avenue, some one took \$200 in wine, two laptops, a lighter and a flashlight.

And the latest break-in comes during a bad week for crime in the 88th Precinct, which includes Fort Greene and Clinton Hill. There were 10 incidents of the week ending on Aug. 16, up from one during the same week last year. And robberies were up to eight from just two over the same period last year.

Over the last month, robberies are up 75 percent from the same month last year, though they are down 18 percent for this year.



Arif Sarkef works at Amin Indian on DeKalb Avenue, which was robbed again a few days ago. The crooks took mostly wine from the shelf.

Thugs took on the wrong men

88TH PRECINCT
Fort Greene–Clinton Hill
3 vs. 2

Two thugs picked the wrong targets on Carlton Avenue on Aug. 16, trying to mug three men, but ended up getting arrested instead.

Three friends were coming back from a restaurant at around 1:30 a.m. when two crooks came from behind between DeKalb and Wiloughby avenues.

One of the thugs demanded, "Give me everything you have!" while the other brandished a firearm.

Instead of handing over their wallets, the men — two aged 31 and one age 32 — decided to fight back, and the perps gave up and ran away.

Cops say that they later caught the villains on Carlton Avenue — and they had pot on them.

Talk about sick

A man walked into a Subway restaurant on Fulton Street and stole from the owner herself on Aug. 6.

The 26-year-old man left her cash in the back of her restaurant, which is near Red Hook Lane, but when he looked for the bag at around 2:30 p.m. she discovered that \$3,000 was missing.

Run it

Three crooks overtook a man late on Vanderbilt Avenue in the South Brooklyn Hospital on Aug. 13.

The 26-year-old man was near DeKalb Avenue at around 2:30 a.m. when the thieves blocked him and one commented, "Run your ass."

The victim laid over his black knapsack, which contained a MacBook, iPod, camera, and phone.

Flashy eyes

A group of four men in Lef- ferd's pawn department on Aug. 11, pulled out a handgun and robbed electronics and cash from the tenant.

Cops say that the thief targeted a residence, which is between Grand and Classon avenues, at around 4 p.m. and hit the 26-year-old with a PlayStation game, a cellphone, and \$200 before fleeing.

Freaky eyes

A crook with eye of different colors was on the prowl on Aug. 15.

At around 6 a.m., the thief set his multi-shaded eyes on a woman on Washington Avenue and snatched "Shop 'n' Stop" and "your money!"

She turned over \$40, and the thief fled from the scene, which is between Fulton Street and Gates Avenue.

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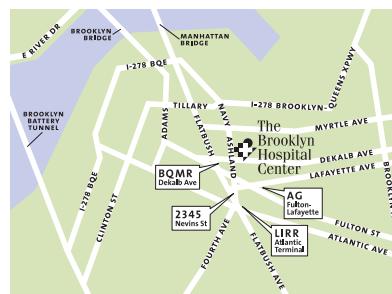
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Rezoning plan is the Bermuda 'Triangle' in race

Controversial city housing proposal is so hot that it's become the main issue even in neighboring district

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

The most important issue in the race for Williamsburg and Bushwick's 34th Council District isn't even in the 34th Council District. And, believe it or not, that's the issue in itself.

In a battle against her former mentor, incumbent Councilwoman Diana Reyna (D-Wiliamsburg), has gone outside her district to make an issue of the city's controversial plan to allow rezoning of land developed by the Broadway Triangle — a largely industrial 31-acre swath of land in the neighboring 33rd Council District.

In the process, she has crafted a political litmus test for her competitors.

Reyna reviles the rezoning — which has the blessing of her former boss, Democratic Party chairman and Assemblyman Vic Lopez (Bushwick) — because it has no-bid contracts that the city issued to two politically connected non-profits groups gave those Lopez-linked organizations a plot of land bounded by Broadway and Hartling, Lefferts and Harris streets.

"Community groups [with] a track record of developing and preserving affordable housing ... are angry that they have been left out," said Reyna, who seeks her old job back. "Whatever is built there impacts them. It will either include them or leave them behind."

Instead of supporting the city's plan to encourage the development of 851 units of mid-rise housing in the 31-acre area of the sprawling below-market-rate rents — she favors an alternate plan backed by a coalition of snubbed community groups that calls for higher rise buildings with as many as 3,725 units of market-rate units to keep them affordable — on a larger site that also includes a plot owned by the drug-maker Pfizer.

Reyna's Lopez-endorsed rival, Maritza Davila, says the Broadway Triangle isn't relevant to her campaign — even though she backs a non-profit that stands to benefit from the project.

"I am focusing all of my energy, as I have been for the past 20 years, on affordable housing, edu-

cation, and economic issues," she said. "I am not involved in the rezoning issue in the 34th Council District."

Reyna, at a Ridgewood-based Bushwick Senior Citizens Council, which, alongside the Jewish Council of Williamsburg, has been granted preliminary control of land inside the Broadway Triangle.

"Unlike the current Councilmember, I am not interested in spending all of my time and energy on one issue in the area. I feel it does a huge disservice to the community," she added in her prepared statement. "My priority is my community and my constituents."

A third candidate, CBI District Member Gerry Esposto — from the city's plan over the alternative proposal.

After two tumultuous hearings, Esposto's board voted in favor of the plan with stipulations seeking a cap on the amount of affordable housing built off-site, guarantees of a "trans-

parent" process to eliminate no-bid contracts, a limit to help older residents stay in the area, and a park that open space will be created in the area. Though his job didn't allow him to vote at the controversial hearing, Esposto told The Brooklyn Paper that the city's Broadway Triangle proposal is better than the "pipe dream" that Reyna supports.

"[The city's plan] is acceptable, certainly with the recommendations we found," Williamsburg Senior Citizens Council, which, alongside the Jewish Council of Williamsburg, has been granted preliminary control of land inside the Broadway Triangle.

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A rezoning of the decrepit Broadway Triangle area in East Williamsburg has become the main issue in a race for the neighboring council seat.

Finally, a 'super' market in Clinton Hill

By Robbie Richin
The Brooklyn Paper

A new grocery store is usually not big news, but in Clinton Hill, where residents have long complained of limited access to fresh produce, the opening of Fresh Fanatic is a welcome addition to the neighborhood's food scene. Andrew Goldin and his friend Joshua Niemier, the store's attorney, hope to do for Clinton Hill what Fairway did for Park and Waverly avenues: hopes to do for Clinton Hill what Fairway did for Red Hook and Trader Joe's did for Cobble Hill — become a destination

for organic-minded foodies.

"It's 10- to 15-block radius, there's nothing else here," David Goldin said. Of course, that's not completely true, with Whole Foods and Associated Supermarket just a stone's throw at Myrtle Avenue and Ryerson Street, and a Bravo Supermarket one avenue away at Myrtle and Washington Avenues.

But organic foodies don't have far to travel to work at Baldwin's.

"They have loyal fans."

"The new place is too expensive for us," said Tim Gorman, an Associated customer and local firefighter.

"We'd frugal."

Price is higher at Fresh Fanatic: organic Black Forest ham is \$8.45 per pound there, but \$8 at Associated. Gourmet slaw is \$2.45 per pound, up from \$2 at Whole Foods.

But on organic items, Fresh Fanatic's prices are better: Organic lettuce is \$3.86, a savings from the \$5 at Associated and the \$4 at Bravo. A bag of organic carrots is \$2.32.

At Associated they're \$4. Homemade hummus is just \$3.21 per pound, while Associated's generic version is \$5.38 per pound.

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A bat man is on the loose

90TH PRECINCT

Williamsburg-Bushwick
A bat-wielding madman assaulted a Williamsburg man on Monroe Avenue on Aug. 17.

The assailant approached his 29-year-old victim on the corner of Humboldt Street at 10 pm, then struck the defendant in the face and took \$100 from him. The victim was treated at Bellevue Hospital in another borough.

Broadway beat

A 22-year-old man mercilessly beat a Williamsburg straphanger at the Laramie Street subway station Aug. 14.

The enraged man approached the 22-year-old woman in the station's mezzanine — which is at Broadway — and, according to cops, proceeded to punch the victim in the face, drag her to the ground, and bang her head against an iron gate, all the while shouting and demanding nothing.

Enraged man

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Woe Canada!

A trio of clowns took a swift-moving crook's iPhone on S. Fourth Street on Aug. 14.

The 24-year-old victim was sending an e-mail as she walked between Berry Street and Greenpoint Avenue at around 11:30 pm when the perp came from behind and snatched the fancy Apple device right out of her hands.

iRobbed

A swift-moving crook got away with a Williamsburg woman's pocketbook — which held, among other things, her Canadian passport — on Aug. 16.

The perp approached the 24-year-old woman at 12:50 am as she was making her way into her McKibbin Street apartment, which is between Siegel Court and White Street. One thing took her purse — which contained an iPhone, a Maxine travel document, \$50 credit and debit cards, driver's license and Hofstra school ID — but then tripped on side.

The victim followed the perp, but was pushed to the ground by another man.

Break-ins!

Burglars were running wild in Williamsburg last week. Here are the shocking details:

• A stealthy villain sacked a Lyndhurst Avenue home on Aug. 14, and the crook made off with jewelry, \$4,000, a camera, a silver wine bottle and a silver candle holder from the house, which is between Harrison and Marey Avenues.

• A crook burgled a Grattan Avenue apartment on Aug. 12, taking a laptop. The 32-year-old victim said he was not

in the apartment — which is between Knickerbocker and Porter avenues — until 5 pm.

• A couple's weekend get-away turned into a robbery when they returned to their Astoria Avenue home on Aug. 15 to find it had been burglarized. The lovers returned to their abode between 5:30 and 6:30 pm and found that their laptops and hard drive were missing.

Not so armored

Two employees of a famed armored car business got their hands on a safe full of cash, but one of the thieves was finally caught on Aug. 14.

Cops say that the Brinks worker was seen shoving \$250,000 from a roll of a business on Kent Avenue near Keap Street — since Aug. 14.

If half of the money has been recovered, police said.

— Jared Foretek

54TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint-Williamsburg
Lo-jacked

A thug brutalized a fellow Brooklynite by pulling him out of his car on Aug. 16 — but he didn't get far before cops arrested their own form of justice.

Police said that the villain manhandled the 53-year-old victim from the face, and when he stood at the corner of N. Fifth Street and Wythe Avenue at 5:30 am and beat him, yelling "Give me your money."

The thug took the cash and fled towards N. Sixth Street before being apprehended.

Break-ins!

Here's an amazing string of break-ins in Brooklyn. Two victims, both aged 68, One day. One Greenpoint building.

Yes, two units in the same N. Ninth Street building between Havemeyer and Roebling streets, were burglarized on Aug. 14.

In the first incident, a 68-year-old woman's apartment was robbed sometime between 12:30 pm and 3 pm, when she returned to find a large hole in her door.

Two hours later, a 68-year-old man returned to his unit to discover that his pearl necklace, baseball cards, and ring were missing.

Buff burglar

A gym rat took a Greenpoint man's belongings out of a N. Ninth Street worker place on Aug. 12.

The 32-year-old victim told cops that he'd left his belongings in a secured locker at Maxim Health & Fitness, at 120 N. Ninth Street, between Franklin and Noble Streets, at 1 pm. When he finished his workout, he found his bag — which contained a telephone, digital camera, credit cards, wallet, and cellphone — gone from the locker. Before he could cancel his credit cards, he'd already been used four times.

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WILLIAMSBURG

Kent won't go both ways

Avenue to become a one-way this week

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

Kent Avenue was set to become a one-way street with a protected two-way bike lane by next Tuesday, Aug. 25. But the official end of a bouchon roadway redesign that pitted cyclists against motorists is a fight for hegemony over the Kent link between Greenpoint and Williamsburg.

Workers began milling and resurfacing Kent Avenue, a Department of Transportation spokesman said. With the end of the work, the city will have been in most controversial cycling-related development since the advent of Bloomberg's Vision Zero.

But by the end of the week, Kent Avenue will have formed into a northbound only road. New markings and signage will then mark the highly contested no-parking zone along Kent Avenue, which will serve as a buffer for a protected, two-directional bike lane on the far side of the roadway.

The section of Kent Avenue between Broadway and N. 14th Street will undergo similar changes in September.

COBBLE HILL

Author is about to go 'fourth'

Stands on brink of collecting a really big prize

By Ben Muessig
The Brooklyn Paper

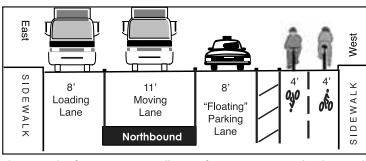
Cobble Hill author Arthur Phillips is poised to join the most prestigious literary organizations with money — And all he had to do was write a fourth novel that could withstand the scrutiny of little hotshots like Michael Chabon and Jonathan Lethem.

Phillips, a Cobble Hill writer and the only Brooklyn resident — to reach the finals of a unique St. Francis College literary contest that will award him \$5,000 — has done it again.

Book world elites including Chabon, Lethem, as well as Heidi Julavits and Ben Marcus, who were among the judges, fall in love with a young singer in an Atlantic Avenue bar.

"It's about associating music with memories of your life,

and about it's being added to your headphones and your music collection," the writer



The city's plan for Kent Avenue will turn it from a two-way road with no parking and a bike lane on either side into a one-way road with parking on both sides and a two way bike lane.

ber, a Department of Transportation spokesman said.

With the new one-way plan, many are expected to oppose cyclists and drivers. The city cycling advocacy group, and some neighborhood residents are

arguing that Kent Avenue is a turn-around for the westbound traffic in the Tour de France.

But some local residents even dread the preliminary changes last fall, residents and business owners scoured the park for removing vital parking and lowering the speed of traffic and the flow of the roadway.

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Two candidates, one subway, one issue

By Gersh Kuntzman

The Brooklyn Paper

City Council candidate John Heyer has found a way to sue that he could ride to office on Monday — but then another candidate for the hotly contested 39th District seat then booked the same train.

Last week, Heyer announced that he would rally on Monday morning at the stop to demand that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority repute its plan to close dozens of manned ticket booths citywide.

And, sure enough, Heyer and his pregnant wife Marie were at the Manhattan-bound station at 7 am handing out letters of protest.

But Josh Skaller, Heyer's rival for the seat currently occupied by Bill DeBlasio, also

showed up to hand out his own campaign material. There were no fireworks,

however. Both candidates handed out their anti-close-out literature, and the only sign of contention was when Heyer was pleased that Skaller added his fare to the fight.

"In the end, we get most signatures [from riders] on letters going to the MTA, so

it's fine," he said. For his part, Skaller said he showed up because he was pleased that Skaller was pleased his rally to protest the MTA plan to close 44 hour token booths starting on Sept. 20 as part of a plan by the transit agency to save \$52 million per year.

"MTA workers are integral to the safe and efficient operation of the system," Skaller said. "I called for independent, city-run oversight of the state agency."

Heyer said the largest concern is that the MTA is not trustworthy.

"Show us the books," he said. "Is this \$52 mil-

lion simply cannot be found anywhere else in the budget?"

He said he wants to know if it can't be saved by cutting 10 percent off the top salaries and positions, rather than where the service is pro-

vided?

A spokesman for New York City Transit said only that the implementation of the service cutbacks at 200 stations will begin on schedule and will be phased in slowly.

A third candidate, Gary Reilly, didn't show up at the station on Monday, but told The Brooklyn Paper that Skaller's stand against Skaller's concern about the token booth stop. That said, he said that "the root of the problem is not at the MTA. The state government which systematically underfunded mass transit and forced the MTA to take on too much debt."

And in the lead-up to the campaign of Brad Lander

contacted The Brooklyn

Paper after an online ver-

sion of the story was posted claiming that Lander was actually out front on this issue by dint of an e-mail

blast he sent to supporters

on Saturday night, a day af-

ter Heyer sent out his media advisory.

In case the timing of all

this activity is confusing, it

should be noted that the two

candidates for the seat met

with Transit Workers Union

officials last week in seek-

ing the union's endorsement.

Both candidates said

they offered support for the

union's effort to curtail the

booth closings.

RACING FORM

In other news in the district,

front-runner Brad Lander

picked up the endorsement of Rep. Nydia Velazquez

(D-Sunset Park). The nod

came one week after rival

Bob Zuckerman got his

own Congressional imprime

mur, according to endorse-

ment of Rep. Anthony

Weiner (D-Sheepshead Bay).

Velazquez touted Lander

's work on affordable hous-

ing in an appearance at Fifth

Aviation Committee and the

Pratt Center for Community

Development.... Not a day

goes by without another

e-mail from John Heyer

touting yet another endorse-

ment by a key rabbi from the

Reform's less-unsung

Borough Park segment. This

week his campaign heralded

endorsements from Rebis Mi-

Steinert, Grand Rabbi

Yoseph Schlesinger (also

known as the Rachmaninov Rebbe), and the Chernobels Rebbe.

Rep. Heyer, Betsy Lander

and Zuckerman met for a

debate last week, hosted by

The Brooklyn Paper in

cooperation with Brooklyn

Community Television,

that can be viewed any-

time at BoroPolitics.com

and bit.ly/specials.

SMITH...

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his spouse.

"The accusations are false,"

Smith said, claiming that his wife fabricated them. The couple is divorcing, he said, and are still married in a bat-

tal foot soldier.

Still as a precaution, Smith

said he's begun recording

their phone conversations and

theirs as well.

The Brooklyn Paper reporter for discussing

the court order to repay the

money that he allegedly pil-

fleted from the bank.

Smith's legal problems go

back to the mid-1990s when

he spent a year behind bars

for a robbery in Queens in

which he pointed a cop.

"I was young and was

hanging out with the wrong

group of people," he said.

Lander, who lives in

Carroll Gardens, Cobble Hill,

Park Slope, Windsor Terrace,

Kingsbridge and Borough Park,

has a choice at the polls.

Smith's son, who is the

deputy campaign manager for

the GOP nomination in the

ideologically Democratic district

is corporate strategist and Little

Republican

Gerard Heyer agreed.

"Under no circumstances

did I or any of the commi-

tee members know of George

Kassar's," he said.

"We would not have

felt it was appropriate to

have a person on the ballot under

these circumstances. We're

not going to let someone

off the ballot [and] I'm cer-

tain there's nothing we'll do

to support him."

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Candidate John Heyer (left) said last week that he would be protesting transit cuts, but rival Josh Skaller showed up, too.

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**OUR OPINION**

Your money at work

They made the unwise, risky investment. Now you're holding the bag.

That, in a nutshell, is what happened this week when the administration it would funnel \$20 million in federal stimulus money to the developers of the CityPoint tower in Downtown so that they can move forward with the shopping mall portion of the project.

A shopping mall — enabled with your dollars.

Supporters of the bailout, including Downtown Brooklyn Partnership President Joe Chan, say that the federal money will just "invest" in the economy. But to "invest" the economy in Downtown, But a new shopping center on the site of the failed Albee Square Mall is hardly the economic diversity that Downtown needs.

Make no mistake: The Brooklyn Paper has championed the use of federal stimulus money for projects that will be true economic engines or build crit-

A private developer gets a stimulus bailout to build his stalled mall — and you, the taxpayer, get the bill.

ical infrastructure that will last for decades. But this shopping mall stimulus package does not fit that definition.

It's just a bailout for a developer who made a bad investment.

Recall for a moment the history of the Albee Square site. Developer Joe Sitt bought it for \$25 million in 2001 and planned to build a \$125 million mall six years later. No one held a gun to Sitt's inflated, Wild West boontown asking price. Then, when real estate values started falling (which they don't do every day, "What's new?"), the developer started looking for bailouts, first seeking a \$400-million tax-free loan from the city last year, and now get-

ting this \$20-million infusion.

The city created its "Recover NYC" bond program to help private, for-profit developers operating in so-called distressed neighborhoods like Astoria, Harlem, or even Brooklyn Bridge Park. A full list of other proposals is on the Economic Development Corporation Web site, and includes rejected grant requests for a hospital expansion, the construction of a school, and the redevelopment and renovation of the substantial Port Authority Bus Terminal in Washington Heights.

Downtown Brooklyn is the kind of place where the Recovery NYC program seeks to aid. In fact, the 2004 Downtown Brooklyn Plan upzoning encouraged stunning wealth that has already encouraged massive, profitable skyscrapers and office towers in the neighborhood. Developers created wealth by giving landowners billions in property value at the stroke of a zoning pen. And now we're being asked to give more.

LETTERS

You know what? Gates should have been arrested!

To the editor:

I am very disappointed in the article by Mike McLaughlin ("Adams Family Values," Aug. 14) on same-sex marriage and comments about the arrest of Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates.

McLaughlin is manufacturing a disconnection between Sen. Adams and President Obama where none exists.

Sen. Adams is correct. As a peace officer, one's duty is to immediately secure the scene. If there is a reasonable suspicion of an unknown person on the premises of a possible break-in, that's what you do.

President Obama called the actions of the Cambridge police "stupid" because Sgt. Crowley

handcuffed and arrested Professor Gates after he was convinced Gates was the legitimate occupant of the home. We know that we are not stupid. Very consequence because it is how Sgt. Crowley describes it in his own report.

This is the kind of shoddy judgment we see from Crowley. For television and almost never see in the pages of The Brooklyn Paper.

Fran Schaefer, N'hood野生

Editor's note: Sen. Adams said it is important for readers to send letters to the editor to let them know what they feel about it.

The horror!

To the editor:

The movie focuses showed up on my block in Cobble Hill last week, and I'm still recovering. For about 10 days, from change until about 9 pm, people work, sets, provide lighting, run thousands of feet of electrical cable, and air conditioners to offset the heat from the lights.

Hundreds of parking spaces in Cobble Hill and Brooklyn spaces are taken over with the mayor's limousine. Residents and motorists are expected to put up with the disruption.

New York City gives the movie industry millions in tax breaks every

year just to encourage them to make pictures here. People also rent their houses as props for these movies for thousands of dollars a day.

Then, we are told, the consequence because it is how Sgt. Crowley describes it in his own report.

But what about the rest of us?

There is no benefit to our families in tax breaks in neighborhoods.

Taking 200 on-street parking spaces, some metered, most not increased the traffic around our neighborhood. Motorists seem to reduced a number of available spaces, increasing air pollution, traffic noise, congestion, wasted time, increased fuel consumption all add up.

The mayor, since he is so free with our tax dollars, should be doing more to encourage a benefit analysis, not the one he drags out claiming that for every tax dollar turned over to the movie industry, \$1.00 is returned to New Yorkers. Other studies suggest the industry actually leaves us well in the red.

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On the wall!

New climbing gym opens in old Gowanus garage

By Ben Muessig

*The Brooklyn Paper***H**ero's one workout that will drive you up the wall.

Gowanus' newly opened rock-climbing center Brooklyn Boulders is an urban jungle gym designed to push unaccustomed movement first-time climbers to new heights (albeit in a two-story old Daily News garage on Third Avenue).

The two-year hunt for suitable a Kings County location, Brooklyn Boulders founders Lance Pinn, Jeremy Balloni and Stephan Smith converted the former garage into a 10,000-square-foot, 11,000-square-foot of climbable walls, rooms for a continuous 250-foot long traverse, more than 40 top-rope routes, a 28-foot tall climbable replica of the Brooklyn Bridge's towers, and walls as steep as 45 degrees past vertical for harness-less "bouldering."

It sounds intense. It is.

But the downtown mecca for the facility, which is at the corner of Third Avenue and Degraw Street, isn't the perfect place for first timers to cut their teeth (and hopefully nothing else) before they brave real mountains.

The average person, who can go and climb outdoors, here, no experience is necessary," said Pinn, who hopes the gym will become a mecca for the birthday party circuit and a hub for corporate retreats once it has its Grand Opening on Sept. 9. "It's not like climbing indoors is less extreme; it's that everyone is doing what they can to look out for you."

And with help and instruction from staff, Pinn says, anyone can learn that he can turn anybody — no matter the body type or age — into a modern day climbing Norgard.

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Because it's there: Brooklyn Boulder instructor Ivan Greene (above) scales the walls of the Gowanus climbing gym, which will open in September at the corner of Third Avenue and Degraw Street. (At right) A Brooklyn Bridge replica can also be climbed.

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FITNESS

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"The Gunks," upstate's nearest climbing spot.

Pro climber Ivan Greene envisions the Gowanus facility becoming a hangout where first-timers and experts can learn and practice side by side.

"Instead of going to yoga class or the gym, you're going to come here. It's a sit-down meal, said Ivan Greene, owner and instructor at Brooklyn Boulders. "Climbing is not an easy thing to do, but it's so much easier to climb here than it is outside. You can climb every kind of rock face, every kind of wall all over the place, and you can walk from here to the deli when you get hungry."

Once than the challenging walls at the Aviator Sports complex in Floyd Bennett Field and the less-difficult kid's room at the Brooklyn Bridge Park near Eighth Street — and a more convenient experience than the 100-mile trek to

the Catskills.

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MUSIC

Take a 'Vance'

Vance hasn't changed. His 1950s template — sweet harmonies and gentle melodies a la the Drifters — may have been updated by acts like The Beach Boys, Simon and even Vampire Weekend, but Vance will stick to tradition when he returns to his native Brooklyn. "I'm my haunt," the Flatbush-bred Vance said. "To re-create the music of my childhood and adolescence is very emotional for me."

Vance has spent 50 years in the business, first as a member of the Americans, and continuing through stints as musical director for "The Warriors" and other movies. He even had a salacious bit role in Woody Allen's "Cassandra's Dream," in which that's Vane telling Caroline Aarons that he wants to defecate on her during sex.

But 15 years ago, Vance returned to singing — and was called "Dylan of Doo-Wop" but has not looked back.

"My father always wondered when I was going to get a real job," he said. "But 50 years later, in the blink of an eye, it seems, I'm still writing songs."

Kenny Vance and the Plantronotes at Asser Levy Park [Ocean Parkway at Surf Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 222-0600] on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 7:30 pm. Free.

— Robert Voris

TOUR

Past present

You won't know it from looking, but the grim apartment towers on the western end of Coney Island's amusement area was once home to an enormous, red-eyed model elephant.

And the overgrown land beyond Keyspan Park's left field fence? That used to be Steeplechase Park.

Learn this and more in the Coney Island History Project's free walking tour, a free easy download that its creator hopes will push the latest Coney Island plan towards honoring the neighborhood's past.

"History sells," said the project's Executive Director Charlie Denison.

The tour has wonderful anecdotes about the speculators, swindlers and scoundrels who developed — and demolished — Coney.

The tour, created by a nonprofit organization to take on the Coney Park's built adjacent to the Steeplechase Park ruins to bring people down to Coney Island in a similar spirit of outdoor summer fun, Denison said.

"Keep it pure and authentic," said Coney Island walking tour can be downloaded at www.coneyislandhistory.org/index.php?#tours.

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SHOPPING

Pilgrim's pride

Even the most intrepid Brooklynite can feel that he hasn't fully experienced the cultural riches of our beloved borough.

Charles McVey, the founder of the local Web site Never Learned Brooklyn, felt that way sometimes, so he created "Brooklyn Hajj,"

a two-day event to encourage exploring.

As the name suggests, it's a pilgrimage — though McVey didn't choose the Arabic word to be politically correct.

"Brooklyn is known for its cultural positivity — people should make a pilgrimage," said McVey, who said the event was perfect for Brooklynites and outer-borough residents alike.

The cultural extravaganza features businesses like Carlo's Grimaldi, Cobble Hill, Fort Green, Park Slope, and Prospect Heights. A Brooklyn Hajj "passport" costs just \$8 and gets its bearer discounts and giveaways.

D'Mai Urban Spa, for example, is cutting prices to all pilgrims.

"I support the business," said owner Daniella Stromberg. "This was a no-brainer for us."

The Brooklyn Hajj will have various locations on Aug. 22 and 23. Tickets, \$8. For info, visit www.brooklynhajj.com. — Shannon Geis

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Other ways to go extreme

Climbing isn't the only way to go extreme in Brooklyn. Here are some other sports you can practice without leaving the borough:

Skateboarding

The staff at Homage Skateshop can turn any first-time skater into a thrilled world-pusher. The Sheepshead Bay store offers regular skateboarding classes at the start with basics like turning and advance all the way to complicated flip tricks. Group les-

sions start at \$30 per person and private lessons start at \$60. If you're more into fashion than thrashing, the shop is loaded with skateboard-themed threads. It even serves fresh brewed cups of Mud coffee.

Homage Skateshop [1551 Smith St. between Bergen and Dean streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 561-1511]. For information, visit www.homagेबrooklyn.com.

Diving

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'Girls' power

It's Lillith Fair all over again! Amy Ray, one half of the Indigo Girls, is performing solo at the Bell House. If you're a lesbian, or just love the music, you won't want to miss this show. And she's playing with Toshi Reagon, so there are sure to be fireworks.

7:30 pm, The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]. Tickets, \$12 (advance).

SUNDAY
August 23

Music & pork

Nothing goes better with barbecue than bluegrass music and bourbon, but let's not get picky. Today, 3rd Ward will throw open its backyard for a pig barbecue, lots of bluegrass tunes, workshops, games and apple bobbing. It'll even be an hour of free Colt 45 starting at 4 pm and a jam session at 8 pm, so bring your banjo.

4-9 pm, 3rd Ward [195 Morgan Ave. at Stagg Street in Bushwick, (718) 715-4961]. Free.

8 pm, Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400]. Free.

MONDAY
August 24

Disco fever

Just because you couldn't get to Studio 54 during its heyday doesn't mean you can't party like you did. Head over to Union Hall for "Studio 54: Dance Love Affair," a dance party that will make you relive the '70s all over again. Don't forget your platform shoes and white Polyester suit.

8 pm, Union Hall [702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400]. Free.

WEDNESDAY
August 26

Woof run homer

It's every man's fantasy — going to a baseball game with his best friend (though, to be fair, in the fantasy, the friend usually buys the beer). Tonight, here's your chance: Bring your dog to the Cyclones game against the Vermont Lake Monsters and participate in all sorts of doggies fun. There'll also be low-cost microchipping and pet adoption opportunities.

3 pm (game is at 7 pm), KeySpan Park [1904 Surf Ave. W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497].

7:30 pm, Asper Levy Park [Surf Avenue at W. Fifth Street in Coney Island, (718) 222-0000]. Free.

THURSDAY
August 27

Summer time

Chicago record-breaking disco queen Donna Summer will belt them out at Borough President Markowitz's Seaside Summer Concert Series. But this gospel-trained singer's repertoire includes much more than "Bad Girl" and "Last Dance." And her photo suggests that she's taking whatever Dick Clark was taking all those years — she hasn't aged since "On the Radio." Whoa-o-o-hh.

7:30 pm, Asper Levy Park [Surf Avenue at W. Fifth Street in Coney Island, (718) 222-0000]. Free.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, AUG. 21

URBAN PLANT ART: Brooklyn artist Sean Burgett and German artist Leslie Kuo investigate urban plants and lead workshops with the neighbors. Free. Open Source Gallery [253 17th St., at Fifth Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 251-1000]. www.urbanplantresearch.org.

GENDER EQUALITY FESTIVAL: Enter to win a \$100 gift certificate, free food, and prizes. This year's theme: "Brooklyn, We Hold Hard!" Free. 1-5 pm, Brooklyn Green Park (Corner of Greene Avenue and Fulton Street in Fort Greene), www.gender平等festival.com.

ART, THE BEST OF THE FIFTH AVENUE WALK: An outdoor exhibition on Aug. 21. Free, noon-6 pm. Under Minerva Gallery [656 Fifth Ave. between 45th and 46th Streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 780-0170]. www.minervagallery.com.

MUSIC, MARCH: Performers from Medgar Evers College Amphitheatre [Montgomery St. between 3rd and 4th Streets in Fort Greene], www.march.org.

BEDFORD AVENUE: Bedford Avenue in Crown Heights [between 4th and 5th Streets] is the site of the annual Bedford Avenue Festival, Aug. 21. Free, noon-6 pm. www.bedfordavenuefestival.org.

FILM, "STILL WALKING": Part of the "Art of the Walk" series, it leads a bike ride starting in Brooklyn and going through Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Free, 8:30 am-noon. Grand Army Plaza [Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Arch] in Brooklyn, www.senarts.org/transit.

ART, MAKI ESUMI: Hirokazu Koreeda's photographs. Free. 7 pm, Tillie's [248 Delafield Ave. at Vanderveer Street in Fort Greene, (718) 783-4161]. www.tilliesoffortgreen.com.

FILM, "TRIBBLE THE WOLF": Part of the "Art of the Walk" series, it leads a bike ride starting in Brooklyn and the African Film Festival of New York [between 4th and 5th Streets in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. www.bamb.org.

ART, ALAN KLING: Alan Beauchemin's photographs. Free. 7 pm, Tillie's [248 Delafield Ave. at Vanderveer Street in Fort Greene, (718) 783-4161]. www.tilliesoffortgreen.com.

FILM, "THE TRIBBLE": The first part of the "Art of the Walk" series, it leads a bike ride starting in Brooklyn and the African Film Festival of New York [between 4th and 5th Streets in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. www.bamb.org.

MUSIC, "CABEL": Singer Michelle Cabell performs with Tosha Reagon. \$15 in advance, \$10 at the door. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510]. www.bellhouse.org.

FILM, "ON THE WATERFRONT": Indoor and an outdoored part. Part of the "Art of the Walk" series, it leads a bike ride starting in Brooklyn and going through Queens, Brooklyn, and the Bronx. Free, 8:30 am-noon. Grand Army Plaza [Under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Arch] in Brooklyn, www.senarts.org/transit.

INTRODUCTION TO BIRDWATCHING: A walk through Brooklyn's parks. Free. 8 am, Brooklyn Botanic Garden [Bedford Avenue and Lorimer Street in Greenpoint]. www.bbg.org.

PERFORMANCE: "NAVIGATING THE FUTURE": The rip-roaring musical. Free. 2 pm, Carroll Gardens Playhouse [107 Carroll Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 875-4156]. www.ipmny.org.

FILM, "KING OF BEIJING": If you think it's hard being a king in the USA, try making it in China. In music, it's hard being a rock star in the USA. www.kingofbeijing.com.

ART, "THE KING": The Chinese Lyceum's summer class. Free. 7 pm, Carroll Street in Carroll Gardens, (718) 233-2500.

MUSIC, CABEL: Singer will perform songs from his new album, "The King." My Baby [between 3rd and 4th Streets in Carroll Gardens, (718) 941-9473].

FIREFWORKS: Free. 9:30 pm, Bowery [Surf Avenue and 2nd Street in Coney Island, (718) 373-4229]. www.coneyislandfireworks.com.

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Fully baked!

A Red Hook restaurant hosts a real old-fashioned clambake

By Robert Vorla
for The Brooklyn Paper

Kevin's restaurant in Red Hook is having its first anniversary, but customers will get a nice gift: an all-you-can-eat, completely affordable clambake.

Even better, all the bivalves at the Sept. 10 event will be caught by Kevin Moore, the owner and co-owner of the eponymous, 25-seat Van Brunt Street eatery.

Moore has been clamming near Montauk all summer and has finally gotten so good at it that he thinks he'll be able to dig



Clam up! Kevin Moore and Caroline Parker will host a clambake at their Van Brunt Street eatery next month.

up enough to fill his customers' plates. And he'll let the shellfish speak for themselves.

"I want to keep it as pure and simple as possible — garlic, white wine, butter for the clams, and maybe some peppers," he said.

The feast will be served buffet-style and will also feature a dessert fish dish. The restaurant doesn't have a liquor license, so make sure to bring your own libation.

With that said, it's ostensibly for the restaurant, Caroline Parker, Moore's partner, said that it was also a reward for the community that has supported Kevin's in his first year.

"There's a \$10 suggested donation to help us cover our costs, but anyone is welcome to join us for the clambake," she said. "There's something very simple and very direct about having Kevin get the food himself, cook it and share it that's very beautiful."

Clambake at Kevin's (277A Van Brunt St. between Pioneer Street and Washington Place in Red Hook) is \$33 per person. Thursday, Sept. 10, 7 p.m. For info, visit mooreparties.com.

'Wett' your appetite!

Ethiopian chicken stew is 'Haile' delicious

By Gersh Kuntzman
for The Brooklyn Paper

Ethiopian food has suffered, though, not been a big thing in Brooklyn, despite a foodie culture that once cherished the city's only Cambodian restaurant (now moved to Manhattan) and Latino, Indian, Korean, and ethnic offerings from all corners of the globe.

So we were ecstatic when native Addis Ababa Haile Legesse opened Bati, Fulton Street earlier this year. From the start, we were impressed by her commitment to authentic, earthy, genuine spices flown in from her homeland, and her attention to local sensibilities (her beef, lamb, and poultry are all organic and there are even vegan items).

But the other day, we ordered up a plate of doro wett, the classic Ethiopian chicken stew, and were blown away by the thick, rich sauce and delectable meat just below its surface.

This simple, earthy, chunky lamb or chicken version of wett is the best way to highlight berbere, a shouldn't-work-but-somehow-does combination of



Hot bowl! The doro wett at Bati, a six-month-old Ethiopian restaurant in Fort Greene owned by Hibist Legesse, is smoky, rich, spicy, delicious and the best thing we ate this week.



The Best Thing
We Ate This Week

chili, basil, garlic, ginger, shallots, fenugreek, and more. That's what makes Ethiopian cuisine unique: it's like ketchup is to your backyard barbecue.

Legesse also offers other

Ethiopian standards, including a must-order called al-faf, a meatball sandwich with butcha, but when we want that intoxicating blend of spices that keep our tongues tingling for hours, doro wett is the only way to go.

Bati (147 Fulton St., between S. Portland Avenue and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (718) 797-9696).

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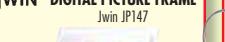
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"Our vision is to introduce people to music they might not have had a chance to hear before," said Richard Lewis, who is organizing the two-day festival with Eli "Paperboy" Reed.

Headliners on the opening night include Barbara Lynn (best known for "You'll Lose a Good Thing"), Rose Royce (who has played with Earth, Wind & Fire, Cooker), and Hermon Hitson (who played with Jimi Hendrix and Wilson Pickett).

Closeout night will feature Orlis Clay (pictured, who had a hit with "Tryin' to Live My Life Without You") and Maxine Sullivan ("Oh No My Baby").

"We've basically trying to save an American art form, and we have a great opportunity to hear these artists in person," Lewis added.

Lewis and another DJ have been



putting on monthly soul music nights at Brooklyn clubs and concert venues. For this, though, the pair joined forces with Reed to put on the much bigger festival.

"We realized nobody was booking these artists," Lewis said. "We figured,

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and Fourth Street in Park Slope).
BROOKLYN FLEA: Free.
11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Brooklyn Bridge Park and New York Street Promenade, 100 Shore Road and New York Avenue in Bay Ridge. Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 262-9725, www.brownstower.com/broklynflea.org

OUTDOOR ART SHOW AND SALE: Free; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. National Children's Garden (Shore Road and New York Avenue in Bay Ridge) in Bay Ridge, (718) 262-9725, www.brownstower.org

OTHER: See Fri., Aug. 21.

SHARING CIRCLE: Come for

Free. 7 p.m. Brooklyn Society for Ethical Culture (53 Prospect Park West at Second Street) in Brooklyn, (718) 768-2972, www.brownstower.org

FILM, "DISTANCE": Part of

BAM's Film of Hirokazu Koreeda's "Distance," (Part of Brooklyn Academy of Music's [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street] in Brooklyn, (718) 636-4100, www.brownstower.org

ART EXHIBIT: Lynn Beauchemin's photographs. See Fri., Aug. 21.

FILM, "PURPLE RAIN":

Outdoor movie screening

at Outpost (175 Fulton St. at

Portland Avenue) in Fort Green, (718) 235-8588, www.outpost.org

WEBSITE: Lynn Beauchemin's photographs. See Fri., Aug. 21.

FILM, "HARRY": Part of BAM's Film of Hirokazu Koreeda's "Distance," (Part of Brooklyn Academy of Music's [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street] in Brooklyn, (718) 636-4100, www.brownstower.org

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Concert. Free. 8 p.m. Park Slope Center for the Arts (169 Second Street) in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510, www.thebellhousepresents.org

BRONX CYCLONES VS. VERMONT: See Fri., Aug. 21.

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OUTDOOR PIATES: The Fitness Guru leads free class.

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ARTISTS AND FLEAS: See Saturday, Aug. 22.

OTHER: See Friday, Aug. 21.

AUDIOVISUAL WORKSHOP:

TOTAL ART: Victoria Stanton and Christian Richer's performance of "I'm Still Arriving. You Are Still Arriving. Free. Open Space Gallery (255 17th Street, at Fifth Avenue in Greenpoint Heights), www.open-source-gallery.org

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Dutch treat: Nicad, a rock band from Holland, will play Public Assembly in Williamsburg on Aug. 29.

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Part of the Movies with a

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TWILIGHT CONCERT: Twilight

concerts, food and cheese

tour and naturalist-led bat-watching. \$25. 6:30-8 p.m. Prospect Park (Fifth Avenue and Ocean Avenue) in Prospect Park, (718) 235-4000, www.prospectpark.org

DANCE PERFORMANCE: Free. 7:30 p.m. Old First Reformed Church (Griffith Street) in Brooklyn, (718) 235-3300, www.oldfirstreformed.org

READING, KAYLIE JONES: "Never Told You"; Jamie Hecimo, "Wife"; and Lynne Nelson ("American Fisherman").

Q&A after the 6:30 screening. \$15. 8 p.m. PowerHouse Arena (37 Main Street) in Brooklyn, (718) 624-3049, www.powerhousearena.org

REGINA'S OPERA: "Regina's Opera". See Friday, Aug. 21.

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MUSIC, "AFTER THE JUMP FESTIVAL": Free. Littlefield (202 1/2 Franklin Street) between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Gowanus, (718) 855-3388, www.brownstower.org

GENDER EQUALITY FESTIVAL: Free. 12 p.m. Franklin Street (between Franklin and Court Streets) in Crown Heights, (718) 270-5055, www.gender-equality-jazz-consortium.org

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FILM, "NOTORIOUS": In

depth. \$15. 8 p.m. Brooklyn Lyceum (227 Fourth Avenue) in Brooklyn, (718) 857-4816, www.brooklynlyceum.org

FILM, "ST. NICK": A pre-teen

viewing of a young American

drifter tragedy. Live music before the film. \$9. 8:30 p.m. Old American Can Factory (2nd Street) in Gowanus, (718) 471-2420, www.nooffilms.com

FIREFORKS: See Friday, Aug. 21.

SAT, AUG. 29

OUTDOORS AND TOURS:

BIKE IT: See Saturday, Aug. 29.

INTRODUCTION TO BIRD-WATCHING: See Saturday, Aug. 29.

PERFORMANCE:

NICAD: Dutch rock band

performs. 6 p.m. Public Assembly (227 Fourth Avenue) in Brooklyn, (718) 262-1188, www.brownstower.org

SALES AND MARKETS:

LEMONADE AND MANGO KET: See Saturday, Aug. 22.

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Feisty One's summertime stories

Smarmom doesn't get the point of summer break, but she's supposed to be about relaxation, relaxation and fun? Isn't it a time to do things other than sit around? I mean, she thinks her job is to look after school work during the other 10 months of the year.

But Summer Camps has integrated summer reading. And the Oh So Feisty One has been reading quite a bit this summer. At the moment, she's hooked on a book called "Jesus, Love & the Ducks" by Lauren Myracle.

But every day she whines, "I have to finish this book!" That's her young shuckaboo by Edward Bloom that is assigned to all the incoming seventh graders at her middle school this year. But why does he have to finish it? Is that summer? In addition to "Tangerine," OSFO has also picked from a list of approved books for another reading selection.

Unfortunately, none of the books she has chosen to read are new to her. That's fine. The list includes a great group of

books. But she's read a bunch of them before. And they don't interest her at all. At least that's what she tells Smartmom, who knows the very fact that they're on the list means that less is more to OSFO because she's got that anti-horticultural streak she inherited from Herpap.

Worse, Smartmom wondered if "Peace, Love & Baby Ducks" could be substituted for her summer reading list. Why not? It's a perfectly fine book, maybe even a tad literary.

Now, Smartmom is worried that "Peace, Love & Baby Ducks" could be substituted for her summer reading list. Why not? It's a perfectly fine book, maybe even a tad literary.



By Louise Crawford

Smartmom even though the kids are required to write a two-page essay about each book.

In fact, Smartmom has never heard about those essays or ones they've handed in. Smartmom has no idea what happens to those essays. Do they go into some gigantic folder called "Summer Reading"? Are they ever read?

More important, why should call the principal to get special dispensation ...

OSFO wants to do her best. She did pick a book from that list, "The Cat Ate My Gymsuit" by Paula Danziger, something she's already read.

From Smartmom's experience with summer reading (and she had plenty), more is not better. Sure, the list includes a great group of

the strictures of family and school. Then she learned to pick up the guitar and the lyrics to every test song imaginable.

It was a great time — and a welcome break from school and family.

This summer, Smartmom decided to read Dostoyevsky. During the first days of June, she read "The Idiot" of the epic Prince Myshkin (and Dumb Editor's favorite of the entire Russian 19th-century Russias).

When she finished, she requested another. She'd never had a chance to trap her head around The Brothers K.

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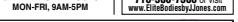
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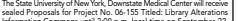
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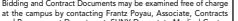
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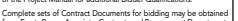
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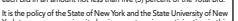
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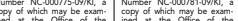
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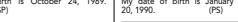
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By Zeke Faux

Clones bring in big guns

With the major league club out of contention (and perhaps to have turned its attention to Brooklyn, where the Li'l Amazin's lead over the hated Staten Island Yankees dwindled to two-and-a-half games by the mid-season), the Mets' search for aces in the minor leagues has turned to Brooklyn.

The Williams section of the Flushing dynasty was spotted in the Cyclones' clubhouse on Sunday, and soon after, the Mets shocked the New-York-Penn League by shipping off top prospect and a bunch of ringers to Brooklyn.

Third baseman Richard Lucas, who was batting .362 and leading the Appalachian League with a .479 on-base percentage, was called up from Kingsport. So did bassist Matt Hedges, and, in addition, his 322 average, came down from Savannah.

Relievers Jake Goldberg and Manuel Olivares, both 23, were sent down from Savannah, where Goldberg had a 2.39 ERA and gave up only 32 hits in 37.1 innings, and Olivas had a 3.77 ERA with remarkably few homers allowed in 62 innings.

Lance Hoge, who posted a 2.31 ERA with 10 relief appearances in 12 games earlier this season, rejoined the club from Savannah.

And the Mets literally bought another ringer for the Cyclones' stretch run: 25-year-old independent league slugger Scott Grimes, who hit a game-tying, pinch-hitter home run in Saturday's 2-1 loss to Oneonta. Still, Brooklyn's post-season chances look so certain — after an unbelievable 16-2 run to start the season, the Cyclones' record has been barely over .500, 20-19. The Yanks went 25-21 in the stretch, trimming the lead to three games.

"I keep hearing the guys talking about the Yankees on the back of the bus," said manager Pedro Lopez. "But if I start worrying about what the Yankees are doing, I'm paying enough attention to what our guys are doing. We're in control of our own destiny."

Perhaps, but the Cyclones know that with the major-league club down, their only option is to count

on them to bring home a championship.

"We want to win it for Brooklyn. We want to win it for the Mets — not everything's been going well up there," said pitcher Mike Gagg.

With the Williams focused on the Cyclones, look

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Zee Faux is a sportswriter for The Brooklyn Paper. His last name is pronounced "Fox."

The Fox Hole

All-Star Brad Drue will start at catcher for the rest of the season, skipper Pedro Lopez said on Sunday. The manager met with young backstop Juan Centeno and game to be the new one. Wes Wrenn started Sunday's 2-1 victory over Oneonta, but Brandon Moore came in with an ankle injury Aug. 11. Moore was slated to open the three-game series against State College on Wednesday night, but Darin Gorski made the start. ... Struggling shortstop Luis Nieves was demoted to Kingsport on Aug. 11.

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Lasorda's no 'Bum'!

But LA Dodger skip is in our Hall of Fame

By Zeke Faux
for The Brooklyn Paper



Los Angeles Dodger great — and Brooklyn Dodger scrub — Tommy Lasorda meets with (from left) pitchers Tommy Gaggle, Mike Powers and Mike Lynn.

Is pitching 13 innings enough to get you into the Hall of Fame?

If you're Tommy Lasorda, the retired Los Angeles Dodger skip, it apparently is. Lasorda, the

retired Los Angeles Dodger skip, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at KeySpan Park on Sunday, despite pitching for Dem Bums for just minimums of two seasons.

Still, Lasorda's managed the West Coast incarnation of the Dodgers to two World Series championships, and he's a legend.

Lasorda might have had the best curveball, but he did show some genuine Brooklyn Brooklyn style, cracking riding for trots as a player. Bammont, he was known as in Williamsburg, which still has the "best food you can get anywhere in the United States," Lasorda said. And so does Lasorda, recommends the crabbing.

"I am honored to be here today. It's quite a fraternity," Lasorda told the crowd.

The lefty, who didn't win a game for Brooklyn and posted a 7.02 ERA, is now part of a club that includes true legends Carl Piniella, Don Newcombe, Don Drysdale, and Sandy Koufax.

Lasorda did make some contributions to Dem Bums history — getting demoted and serving up dodging practice batters.

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Hall, and the winning runs in that game were driven in by both the Brooklyn and the Bronx.

The lefty, who was on a roll, was on a roll to honor Lasorda on Sundays.

Still, the famously feisty Lasorda, 81, bristled at this notion. "I'm not going to fight out Yankee lefty Byrne's curveball."

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